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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN PLANS FOR JOINT SUGAR CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBASSY HAS PIECED TOGETHER FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES ON PLANS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SUGAR CONSULTATIONS. CONSULTATIONS APPARENTLY FIRST SUGGESTED BY JAMAICA AND REPORTED TO GOA THROUGH AMBASSADOR ORFILA. SUGGESTION IGNORED FOR A TIME, BUT THEN REAPPEARED DURING VISIT BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO BUENOS AIRES IN JULY.

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2. JOINT AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 19 BY TWO COUNTRIES EXPRESSED NEED

TO STUDY AND ADOPT SUGAR EXPORT POLICIES TO BETTER DEFEND INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCERS. AGREEMENT CREATED MEXICAN-ARGENTINE COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT AGREEMENT BY MEANS OF A) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION RE SUGAR EXPORT POLICIES; B) DEFENSE OF INTERESTS OF SECTOR IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS; C) AGREEMENT ON POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND D) PROPOSAL TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO CREATE CONSULTATIVE AND COORDINATING MECHANISM TO FURTHER PROMOTE THESE OBJECTIVES. AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT COMMITTEE INITIALLY BE HEADQUARTERED IN BUENOS AIRES. TEXT OF AGREEMENT BEING POUCHED TO EB/ICD/TRP.

3. IN LATE SEPTEMBER, MEETINGS REPORTEDLY HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BUENOS AIRES AND MEXICO CITY TO PROMOTE WIDER SUPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS. LOCAL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES INVITED TO ATTEND BUENOS AIRES AND PRESUMABLY MEXICO CITY MEETINGS: JAMAICA, CUBA, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, PERU, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, PANAMA, GUATEMALA, COST RICA, EL SALVADOR, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND BRAZIL.

4. MEXICO HAS NOW CALLED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY, NOV 24-26. ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO MEXICO MEETING EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF PRIVATELY SUPPORTED ARGENTINE SUGAR CENTER (PROBABLY EITHER ITS PRESIDENT, DR FERNANDO DE PRAT GAY OR ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR HORACIO BINCAZ), MAJOR SUGAR WORKERS UNION, AND ARGENTINE EMBASSY STAFF IN MEXICO. CUBA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ONLY OTHER COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY NAMED BY LOCAL SOURCES AS ATTENDING BUT MEXICO SAID TO BE WORKING HARD TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF OTHERS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES, MEETING TO DISCUSS AND PREPARE JOINT LATIN AMERICAN POSITION FOR NEXT SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR COUNCIL IN LONDON, WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON DEFENSE OF HIGH PRICE LEVELS. NONE OF LOCAL SOURCES MENTIONED CUBAN PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUGAR PRODUCERS GROUP.

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